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SUBJECT: LIBYANS URGE AFRICANS, ASIANS, AND EAST EUROPEANS

TO RECOGNIZE SAHARAN REPUBLIC

1. OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS THE LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CALLED IN CHIEFS OF AFRICAN, ASIAN, AND EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN TRIPOLI TO LOBBY FOR RECOGNITION OF THE POLISARIO FRONT'S SAHARAN REPUBLIC. ALTHOUGH LIBYA HAS NOT YET RECOGNIZED THE POLISARIO GOVERNMENT ITSELF, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN HINTING THAT RECOGNITION WILL NOT BE LONG IN COMING.

2. THE LIBYANS APPARENTLY PLAN TO MAKE FELLOW ARAB STATES THE OBJECT OF A SEPARATE, JOINT DEMARCHE. ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL RIYAD TOLD THE CHARGE MARCH 1 THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD BE THE RIGHT CHANNEL FOR THIS BUT RIYAD GAVE NO INDICATION WHAT

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HIS POSITION WOULD BE. RIYAD MET WITH QADHAFI MARCH 1,

AND QUESTION PRESUMABLY CAME UP DURING THAT MEETING.

3. WEST EUROPEAN MISSIONS HAVE NOT BEEN LOBBIED
BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WITH THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION
OF SPAIN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAD
THE EFFRONTERY TO COMPLAIN THAT SPAIN'S PULLOUT FROM
THE TERRITORY HAD BEEN TOO HASTY, AND AT THE
SAME TIME TO SUGGEST THAT SPAIN OUGHT TO RECOGNIZE
THE NEW POLISARIO GOVERNMENT AT AN EARLY DATE.

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